

CLAIMS

- [1] A packaged beverage of pH 2 to 6 with a green tea extract mixed therein, comprising the following ingredients (A) to (E) :
- (A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins,
(B) quinic acid or a salt thereof,
(C) from 0.0001 to 15 wt% of a sweetener,
(D) from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions, and
(E) from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions,
wherein a content weight ratio $[(B)/(A)]$ of said quinic acid or salt thereof (B) to said non-polymer catechins (A) is from 0.0001 to 0.5.
- [2] The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein a content of oxalic acid is not greater than 0.06 in terms of a weight ratio to said non-polymer catechins (A) .
- [3] The packaged beverage according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said beverage is a non-tea-based beverage.
- [4] The packaged beverage according to any one of claims 1-3, which has a pH of from 2 to 5.
- [5] The packaged beverage according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein said green tea extract as a raw material is one obtained by adjusting a concentrate of green tea extract, said concentrate comprising from 20 to 90 wt% of non-polymer catechins based on a solid content thereof, such that said content weight ratio $[(B)/(A)]$ of said quinic acid or salt thereof (B) to said non-polymer catechins (A) falls within

a range of from 0.0001 to 0.16.

[6] The packaged beverage according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein said sweetener (C) is an artificial sweetener.

[7] The packaged beverage according to any one of claims 1-6, which is in such a form that at least 300 mg of non-polymer catechins can be ingested per day.

[8] The packaged beverage according to any one of claims 1-7, which is filled in a clear container.